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Dear Stan,

A voice from the past! I was thrilled and deeply moved when I learned that President Carter nominated you for Director of the CIA. It was not only a feeling of personal delight at seeing an old friend receive world-wide recognition, but also a sense of assurance knowing our country is calling for someone so loyal and able to fill this job at so crucial a period of time.

I recall an incident many years ago when as a first classman you had the wisdom and compassion to advise a plebe, "It isn't that everybody here is against you, it's just that no one is really for you." That simple, clear, lucid revelation was not only a great help to me at the Academy, but during many periods later in life.

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You gave me perspective that led to confidence in myself then. Today, I'm sure that through your leadership our country will regain some of its confidence and pride as well.

Sincerely,



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